

An Authentick LIST

Of all the NAMES of the

MEMBERS of the Society (or Corporation) of GREAT YARMOUTH;

Together with the Clergy, dissenting Ministers, Officers of the Customs, Excise and Parish; as they all are at this Time (Sept. 29th. 1762.) actually in Office, &c.

To which is likewise prefixed, a short Account of the chief Magistrates, from their first Original (as we find recorded) down to the last Charter granted by Queen Anne: with a genuine List, or Succession, of all the Mayors since that Charter, to the Year 1762.

Among the numerous Adventurers, that arrived from Germany, to invade Britain, &c. came *Cerdick*, a warlike Saxon, descended from the famous *Woden*, attended with his Son *Cenrick*, and as many Men as he could transport in five Ships: These disembarked in, or about the Year 491, at a Place afterwards called *Cerdick's Shore* or Sand, from their Leader; which said Place now, according to several Authors, is *Yarmouth* in *Norfolk*. But whether these new Inhabitants (for they continued in these Parts Twenty-four Years) built any Fort, Town, &c. we no where find. However, in the Year 1042, as it appears in *Domes-Day-Book*, there were here 70 Burgeses; which seems to evince, that this Town is of greater Antiquity than some have imagined. Be that as it will, let us leave these Uncertainties, and proceed to the Year 1100, when we find a Person, established here by Authority, called *Le-Provost*; this Office continued till the Year 1209, when King *John*, first incorporated the Town, by the Name of Burgeses only, and they annually chose four Burgeses (relative to the four Leets) to rule, till the Year 1426, when they reduced the Number to two; which thence continued till the ninth Year of *Henry* the Seventh, who, by his Charter, did name them Bailiffs, Burgeses, &c. This Form continued till by the Charter of King *James* the First, in the sixth Year of his Reign in *England*, and Forty-first of *Scotland*, *Yarmouth* was made a free Borough of itself, and one Body Corporate and Politick, in Fact, Word and Deed; by the Title of the Bailiffs, Aldermen, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the Borough of *Great Yarmouth*, in the County of *Norfolk*, and to hold their Lands in Fee, and Perpetuity, and have a common Seal for their Causes and Business. This Charter continued till the Year 1683, when it was surrendered to King *Charles* the Second, on which this Burgh, who, by Charter dated the 22d. of *July*, in the 36th Year of his Reign, incorporated this Borough, and the Town of *Little Yarmouth* * in *Suffolk*, thereto adjoining, one Body Corporate, by the Name of Mayor, Aldermen, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the Borough of *Great Yarmouth*, in the County of *Norfolk*. Whereupon *George Ward*, Esq; was constituted and made the first Mayor of the said Borough; Sir *Thomas Medowe*, Knight, the Second; *Thomas Bradford*, the Third; *Samuel Fenn*, the Fourth; *Mitchel Mew*, the Fifth; and *John Albertson*, the Sixth; which last continued in Office till October the 20th, 1688, when King *James* the Second, by Proclamation, dated October the 17th, put all Cities, Towns, and Boroughs, in *England*, *Wales*, and *Berwick upon Tweed*, in the same State they were in, in the Reign of the late King *Charles* the Second, before any Deed of Surrender was made of their Charters or Franchises, &c. and thereupon, *George Ward*, and *Thomas Godfrey*, Esqrs. Bailiffs of this Town, at the Time of executing of the said Surrender, and all the Other the then Justices, Officers, and Ministers, took upon them the respective Offices they held in the Year 1683. This last Succession of Bailiffs continued till 1702, in which Year, Queen *Anne*, by a Charter, dated the 11th Day of *March*, in the Second Year of her Reign, renewed the old Charter for Mayors, &c. which has continued in Force to this Time.

* This Town, which formerly was distinguished into two principal Parts, by the several Names of *West-Town*, and *South-Town*, according to their respective Situations, is so reduced to a few old Houses, of which three or four are tenanted, the others empty; that the true Extent of the rest of this ancient Town, is, at this Day, entirely unknown. But from several Fragments, collected out of some old Will-Books, &c. it appears to have been a Place of some considerable Note; and more ancient than *Great Yarmouth* itself. In the Year 1444, we find, "*Fres Agustin de le Southton, de Jernemutha*;" in 1490, "*The Guild of our Lady of West Yarmouth*;" in 1501, "*The good Rood Church of South-Town*;" in 1501, "*Our Lady's Church, over the Haven*;" and in 1505, "*Paroch. S. Maria, de West Yarmouth*," &c. &c. &c.

The Summary.



HE King, Le Provost, did assign, From eleven to twelve Hundred nine.
King *John* the Borough first creates,
Four Burgeses, * chief Magistrates.
In fourteen Hundred twenty-six,
On two instead of four they fix.

No Name † but Burgeses we find,
Till *Henry* Seventh, Bailiffs join'd.
In sixteen Hundred Eighty-three,
In lieu of Bailiffs, Mayors must be.
King *James* the Second, — Eighty-eight,
Bailiffs for Mayors did reinstate.
Which first continued to Queen *Anne*,
And then by Charter, Mayors began.

* To whom the Society gave the Name of Bailiffs.
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Justices of the Peace and Quorum.

R. W. John Barnby, Esq; Mayor
The Right Honourable George Earl of Oxford, High Steward
The Honourable Robert Walpole, Recorder
Isaac Preston, Esq; Sub-steward
* John Ramey, Esq; Deputy Mayor

Justices of the Peace.

Thomas Martin, Esq;
William Browne, Esq; Surgeon,
John Cotman, Esq;
Giles Wakeman, Esq;
* Thomas Milles, Esq;
Robert Ferrier, Esq;
* James Ward, Esq;
William Butcher, Esq;
Richard Baker, Esq;
William Browne, Esq; Merchant

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Moyse
Mr. Thomas Manclark

New Baptist Meeting-house.

William Cole, Minister | Edward Colby, Clerk.

Overseers of the Poor.

Francis Balls | John Taylor
William Ditcham | Benjamin Cooke, Master
John Diboll | Joseph Ramey, Surgeon.
N. B. Here are 300 poor People maintained.

Constables.

John Bonifant } 1st. North Ward
William Barry }
Robert Banyard, jun. }
Richard Bacon }
Henry Audley } 2d. ditto
Thomas Bentley, Joiner }
Tene Forster }

Officers of the Excise.

John Philpott, Supervisor
John Daniel, Port-Surveyor
William Hodgkin, 1st. Division
Edward York, — 2d. ditto
Charles Fripps, — 3d. ditto
Thomas Pettyman, 4th. ditto
John Beaumont, — 5th. ditto
Thomas Lermont, 6th. ditto
Charles Holmes, — 7th. ditto
John Wood, — 1st. Assistant
Robert May, — 2d. ditto
Jonathan Jex, — 3d. ditto
Josiah Smith, — 4th. ditto
John Draper, — 5th. ditto
John Clavel, — 1st. Tide-Surveyor
Charles Manthorp, 2d. ditto
William Eliot, — 1st. Tidesman
Richard Hill, — 2d. ditto
Thomas Etherington, 3d. ditto
William Rawlins, 4th. ditto
William Knocker, 1st. Boatman
Thomas Stokes, — 2d. ditto
Isaac Sacker, — 3d. ditto

Marshal and Goaler.

William Gibbs

Postmaster.

Samuel Seaman

Serjeants at Mace.

Francis Sawing | Thomas Herbert
John Edwards | John Spooner, jun.
Thomas Hooks

Tellers of Herrings.

James Thacker | George Fyson
John George | William Ranney
Richard Wale | John Aldie

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Mayors since the last Charter.

Benjamin Engle	1702
Benjamin England	1703
Joseph Cotman	1704
Anthony Ellys, jun.	1705
Richard Ferrier	1706
Samuel Fuller	1707
Anthony Ellys	1708
William Browne	1709
James Artis	1710
Hen. Borrett died, Sam. Wakeman	1711
John Spurgeon	1712
William Spooner	1713
Andrew Bracey	1714
George England	1715
John Ireland	1716
Thomas Le-Grice	1717
Jonathan Pue	1718
Anthony Ellys	1719
Richard Ferrier	1720
Christopher Brightin	1721
William Pacy	1722
John Pearson	1723
Richard Ferrier, jun.	1724
Henry Lombe	1725
Nathaniel Symonds	1726
Samuel Artis	1727
George Ward	1728
Robert Ward	1729
John Bird	1730
Anthony Taylor	1731
Thomas Cooke	1732
William Brown, Surgeon	1733
Barry Love	1734
Samuel Wakeman	1735
John Parfon	1736
Thomas Milles	1737
Thomas Horsley	1738
Thomas Ellys	1739
Christopher Bernard died, George Ward	1740
William Harmer	1741
John Cotman	1742
Joseph Neech	1743
William Brown, sen.	1744
Joseph Cotman	1745
Samuel Killeit	1746
Thomas Martin	1747
William Brown, Surgeon, second Time	1748
Robert Abbon	1749
Robert Ferrier	1750
James Ward	1751
Christopher Taylor died, Giles Wakeman	1752
William Butcher	1753
Richard Baker	1754
John Cotman, second Time	1755
William Browne, Merchant	1756
Joseph Cotman, second Time	1757
Giles Wakeman, second Time	1758
Wm. Brown, elected, but refused to hold, Joseph Cotman,	1759
John Ramey	1760
John Wallis, died, Thomas Martin, second Time	1761
John Barnby	1762

N. B. The Mayor is annually elected, August the 25th, and Sworn into his Office Sept. the 25th next following.

Members of Parliament.

The Honourable Sir Edward Walpole, Kt. of the Bath
Charles Townshend, Esq;

Giles Wakeman, Esq;
• Thomas Milles, Esq;
Robert Ferrier, Esq;
• James Ward, Esq;
William Butcher, Esq;
Richard Baker, Esq;
William Browne, Esq; Merchant

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Moysie
Mr. Thomas Manclarke
Mr. Robert Gimingham
Mr. John Burton
Mr. Jacob Master

vacant

Town Clerk.

John Spurgeon, Gent.

Chamberlains.

John Wright | John Norfor

Common Council Men.

John Goodwin	Joseph Ramey
John Mafh	John Mafh, jun.
Richard Porter	Christopher Sayers
Pexal Forster	John Colby
Francis Parfon	Nathaniel Symonds
John Fisher, jun.	William Browne, jun.
Thomas Whitton	Robert Jarvis
• Thomas Adkin, Esq;	John Watfon
Robert Lancafter	George Riches
James Dawfon	John Norfor
John Wright	Thomas Pitt
Samuel Colby	John Ives, Merchant
David Mafon	Robert Woolmer
John Gosling Love, Esq;	John Cooper, Esq;
William Fisher	Francis Balls
Robert White	Francis Seals
Colman Manclarke	William Lewis
Brightin Wakeman	Henry Gooch.
N. B. Those marked with (*) are Justices of the County of Norfolk.	

Attorneys of the Court.

Robert Woolmer | Bracey Taylor
Thomas Clowes | Thomas Manclarke

Coroners.

Mr. Robert Gimingham | Mr. John Burton

St. Nicholas's Church.

The Revd. Mr. Manclarke, Curate
The Revd. Mr. Hall, Assistant, ditto
The Revd. Mr. Miffenden, Lecturer
The Revd. Mr. Balls, Assistant, ditto
Sampfon Winn, Clerk
Spencer Lone, Sexton.

Church-Wardens.

Mr. Thomas Manclake
Thomas Pitt.

St. George's Chapel.

The Revd. Mr. White, Minister
The Revd. Mr. Turner, Assistant, ditto
Benjamin Scurry, Clerk.

Old Meeting-House.

The Revd. Mr. Whitefide, Pastor
The Revd. Mr. Walker, Assistant
John Clarke, Clerk

New Meeting-House.

The Revd. Mr. Amner, Pastor
Abednego Eldridge, Clerk.

Constables.

John Bonifant	1st. North Ward
William Barry	
Robert Banyard, jun.	
Richard Bacon	
Henry Audley	2d. ditto
Thomas Benting, Joiner	
Tene Forster	
John Mitchell	1st. North Midd
John Cock	
Joseph Brooks	
George Draper	2d. ditto
John Berry	
Richard Pitt	
Stephen Abbot	2d. South Midd
William Brown, Shipwright	
Gabriel Clifton	
George Pope	1st. ditto
Thomas Richardfon	
John Ditcham	
William Norton	2d. South Ward
Robert Bolt Durrant	
James French	
William Ranney	1st. ditto
Thomas Cook.	

Constables of South Town.

Henry Crokill | Charles Wright.

Constables at Large.

William Clifton	Benjamin Boldra
Francis Sawing	William Gidney, Bellman
John Edwards	Thomas Marfden
Thomas Hooks	Thomas Blunkett
Thomas Herbert	Charles Giles
John Spooner, jun.	Samuel Pagett
Tho. Thompson, Calker	Thomas Bels
Robert Dye, Calker	Robert Leggitt
John Rayer	Josiah Curtis
George Meen	John Norfor
Simon Arnold	Peter Norfor
John Story	Robert Bowles
Daniel Gillings, jun.	John Bowles

Officers of the Customs.

James Ward, Esq; Collector
• Henry Negus, Esq; Customer
• William Franklin, Controller
Jeffery Killeit, Land-Surveyor
Pexal Forster, Searcher
James Fisher, Linen-Inspector
Richard Porter, Land-Waiter
George Wale, ditto
William Haw, ditto
Thomas Manning, ditto
Samuel Mackrell, Tide-Surveyor
William Davey, ditto
John Barnby, Esq; Capt. of the Smack.
Joseph Ames, Mate
Thomas Cooke, Weigher
James Coufens, Tidefman
Richard Miller, ditto
Robert Spurgeon, ditto
Samuel Godfrey, ditto
Nathaniel Herring, ditto
Joseph Howes, jun. ditto
James Dixon, jun. ditto
William Haw, jun. ditto
William Worship, ditto
John Burton, ditto
Thomas Brown, ditto
John Fish, Boatman
Thomas Cushing, ditto
Thomas Baker, ditto
James Norfor, ditto
Benjamin Herring, ditto
Joseph Errington, ditto
Robert Watfon, Watchman
John Coufens, ditto.

N. B. Those marked (*) are Patent-Places.

Josiah Smith, — 4th. ditto
John Draper, — 5th. ditto
John Clavel, — 1st. Tide-Surveyor
Charles Manthorp, 2d. ditto
William Eliot, — 1st. Tidefman
Richard Hill, — 2d. ditto
Thomas Etherington, 3d. ditto
William Rawlins, 4th. ditto
William Knocker, 1st. Boatman
Thomas Stokes, — 2d. ditto
Isaac Sacker, — 3d. ditto
Limby Smith, — 4th. ditto
John Jennings, — 5th. ditto
Henry Mann, — 6th. ditto

Salt Officers.

Thomas Deverfon, Collector
Thomas Carman, Assistant
John Turquand, Supervisor

Clerks at Custom-House.

Thomas Barber, first Clerk
John Spooner, Deputy Controller
John Kent, Coast-Clerk
Benjamin Fox, Copying ditto

Clerk of the Market.

The Mayor (pro tempore) Clerk
Jonathan Starr, Deputy

John Mafh, Surgeon and Agent for sick and wounded
Seamen, and Prisoners at War.

Auditors.

Richard Baker, Esq; | — John Ives, Merchant
Mr. Jacob Master | — Coleman Manclarke

Ueftry.

William Butcher, Esq; | — John Mafh, sen.
Richard Baker, Esq; | — Robert Lancafter
Mr. Thomas Manclarke | — Thomas Pitt.
Mr. John Burton

Collectors of Fishing-Doles.

Mr. John Burton | — Robert Woolmer.

Collectors of Land and Window Tax.

John Eldridge, of the 1st. and 2d. North Wards
Raynham Moysie, 1st. and 2d. North Midds
Henry Swinden, 1st. and 2d. South Midds
Charles Pinchen, 1st. and 2d. South Wards.

Suragers.

Francis Seals | William Lewis

Water-Bailiff, constituted A. D. 1333.

Abel Clifton

Francis Sawing
John Edwards
Thomas Hooks

Thomas Herbert
John Spooner, jun.

Tellers of Herrings.

James Thacker	George Fyson
John George	William Ranney
Richard Wale	John Aldis
William Linder	Thomas Jex
Richard Pointer	John Spilman
Richard Gurney	John Breeze
John Calbon	Robert Wellham
Robert Jarvis	Thomas White
William Smith	John Salter.

N. B. 2000 *Lasts* of Herrings brought into the Haven in one Tide, A. D. 1580.

Agent-Vidualet for the Navy.

David Urquhart, Esq;

Seamen's Muster-Roll.

William Worship, Collector
Benjamin Worship, Deputy.

Court of Admiralty.

The Mayor (pro tempore) Admiral
Thomas Manclarke, Register.

Hospital-School.

William Parkinson, Master
Here maintained, taught, and clothed
31 Boys, this Year reduced to 25,
18 Girls, ditto — 16
Total 49 now only 41

Charity-School, built A. D. 1724.

Nathaniel Knights, Master
Here taught, and clothed every other Year,
50 Boys
30 Girls
Total 80

Headborough Inquest, North-End.

George Crofs, Foreman | Christopher Eaton, ditto
John West, Merchant | Simon Bandy, Attorney

Headborough Inquest, South-End.

Henry Dowfon, Foreman | John Bell, Attorney
John Ives, Merchant | Benjamin Dawson, Draper

Market Inquest.

John Wright, Foreman | William Durrant
John Curtis | Robert Benting

Searchers and Sealers of Leather.

John Curtis, Shoe-maker
John Smith, ditto
Charles Jenkinson, Currier